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USSN: 09/837,446**REMARKS****Formal Matters**

The claims are not amended.

Claims 23-28, 30-31 and 33-38 are pending. Claims 23-28, 30, 31 and 35 were examined. Claims 33, 34 and 36-38 stand withdrawn. Claims 23-25, 27, 28, 30, 31 and 35 were rejected.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.

Interview summary

The Applicants wish to express their gratitude to Examiner Mertz for the interview on October 6, 2004, with Applicants' representatives James Keddie and Tracy Sioussat.

All current rejections were discussed, as well as arguments to overcome those rejections. Applicants' arguments were advanced in the communication filed with the Office on July 29, 2004 and further elaborated herein.

In summary, while Wells discloses CCR4, Wells erroneously concludes that CCR4 is the receptor for MCP-1, MIP1 α and RANTES. MCP-1, MIP1 α and RANTES are, in fact, chemokines involved in histamine release, not trafficking of systemic memory T cells. CCR3, not CCR4, is the receptor for MCP-1, MIP1 α and RANTES.

The Applicants respectfully submit that Wells and Heath, separately or in combination, therefore fail to disclose, teach or fairly suggest any method of modulating trafficking of systemic memory T cells using an antagonist of CCR4.

At the conclusion of the interview and in view of Applicants arguments, Examiner Mertz stated that all remaining rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 would be withdrawn.

Since the sole remaining rejections are all rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Withdrawn claims

The Applicants respectfully submit that generic claim 23 is in form for allowance.

Claims 33, 34 and 36-38 are dependent on claim 23 and are drawn to non-elected species encompassed by claim 23. The sites of inflammation recited in claims 33, 34 and 36-38 are all sites of trafficking of systemic memory T cells.

The Applicants respectfully request that since generic claim 23 is in form for allowance, claims 33, 34 and 36-38 may be rejoined with claim 23 and allowed therewith.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number STAN-110CON.

Respectfully submitted,
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